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PACIFIST CONGRESSMEN, CANDIDATES, LOSE AS KENNEDY WINS

Pacifists who saw few indications of a new approach to peace in the positions of either candidate for President, had added cause for gloom in the news that all four known pacifist candidates for Congress, including two incumbents, were defeated in the election. Byron Johnson of Colorado and William Meyer of Vermont, both elected in 1958, lost to Republican opponents, as did Hayes Beall and Tyler Thompson, both of Illinois.

Meyer's defeat was not too surprising. Elected in 1958 as congressman-at-large, he was the first Democrat to be sent to Congress from Vermont in a century. His victory then was attributed largely to a split in the Republican ranks. His campaign for reelection, though supported by a group of enthusiasts, had to overcome a reunited Republican party with only lukewarm support from the regular Democratic organization.

Johnson's loss was more of a shock. The Colorado economist and former FOR National Council member had successfully ridden out a major attack on his pacifist views in 1958, winning then by a larger margin than had been anticipated. He had made a good record in Congress, including leadership in the promising "liberal project" of some forty young Representatives, and had been reported leading his Republican opponent in polls taken a few weeks before election by as much as 3 to 1. Johnson supporters reported that his opponent's campaign had been heavily financed. They believed that Johnson was also hurt when a prominent Denver churchman came out publicly against the election of a Catholic president, and when a Loveland Presbyterian minister described as "un-Christian" Johnson's stand for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

In the aftermath of one of the closest Presidential races in American history there will be a great deal of analyzing and "second guessing." Two or three comments made by observers give food for thought.

Item: The widely publicized opposition to Senator Kennedy on religious grounds is widely believed to have backfired by uniting on Kennedy's side many Catholics and members of other minorities who might otherwise have not supported him. At the same time, though many prominent Protestants publicly deplored the campaign, a residue of bitterness over "Protestant bigotry" seems likely to have a continuing divisive effect.

Item: Several "experts" believe that the margin of Kennedy's victory may well have been the heavy Negro vote in his favor, and that this probably came in large measure from Kennedy's prompt reaction when FOR member Martin Luther King Jr., was jailed in Georgia for participating in a sit-in demonstration. Kennedy's message of support, and his attempt to get King released, were widely contrasted with Vice-President Nixon's "No comment" response. Said one columnist, "When Bob Kennedy asked the judge to release Dr. King on bail, the religious issue went out the window" for millions of Protestant Negroes.

Note: Premier Khrushchev's congratulatory message to Mr. Kennedy, declaring that the "destinies of world peace depend largely on the state of Soviet-American relations," called for the "most friendly relations" between the two peoples.

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Sit-Inners Arrested in St. Louis; Six Local Cafeterias Open to All

Two Negro sit-in demonstrators were arrested in St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 2 for refusing to leave a local Howard Johnson restaurant. Both had taken part in a similar demonstration at the restaurant on Oct. 31. Earlier, six large St. Louis cafeterias had announced they would serve Negroes.

Meanwhile, the four Negro college students who conducted the nation's first sit-in demonstration were honored in Chicago by the Catholic Interracial Council on Oct. 31. They were presented with the Council's 1960 Thomas J. Crowe award for rendering outstanding service to the cause of interracial justice.

Twenty-one Petersburg, Va., Negroes joined in a civil action against the local Municipal Court chief judge last month because of the latter's enforcement of "segregated seating by race in the courtroom." The plaintiffs were themselves segregated during a a hearing on Oct. 14 following their arrest for participation in a local lunch counter sit-in some months ago.

Also, a resolution condemning racial discrimination as "one of the deplorable facts of our day" was overwhelmingly adopted by the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Louisville, Ky., last month. The statement endorsed sit-in demonstrations and called on local congregations "to move deliberately" toward making their parishes as interracial in character as possible.

A national program of "massive nonviolent direct action" aimed at eliminating existing segregationist social practices was adopted by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at its annual meeting in Shreveport, La., last month. The new program, according to the SCLC executive board, will "step up the speed of the attack on segregation in transportation, waiting rooms, schools, voter registration, stand-ins, and South-wide economic boycott."

Representatives from thirteen southern states attended the SCLC meeting, headed by FOR member Martin Luther King Jr.

Religious Pacifists Appeal to U.S. Supreme Court

Twenty-nine religious pacifists convicted of violating New York State's Civil Defense law appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court last month. The group, including FOR Secretary Emeritus A.J. Muste, refused to take shelter during practice "air-raid" alerts in 1956 and 57 and their cases have been before New York courts ever since. The defendants, seeking to challenge the validity of the New York Defense Emergency Act, contend that the act violates religious freedom and conscience and prohibits them from "peaceably assembling to exercise their rights of free speech to protest law and the philosophy behind it."

The court has taken the case under advisement and is expected to rule in the near future whether it finds the Constitutional issues sufficient to warrant a review.

High School Students!

You should get *The Mustard Seed*, the FOR's new youth newsletter. Edited by FOR High School Secretary Brewster Kneen, who headed last summer's FOR high school program in Rockland County, it covers important peace projects of interest to teen-agers. Subscription: $1 a year. Single copy 10¢. Write: Brewster Kneen, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

NEWS from the peace front

A U.S. District Court judge in Ma-n, Ga., ruled last month that the ericus, Ga., School Board could not ny three white students from Koin-ia Farm, a local Christian interracial mmunity, admission to the Americus gh School "solely on grounds of re-ious and social practice and be-fs." In issuing the permanent re-aining order, the judge said his de-ion did not prevent the school board m following its usual entrance re-irements. In a previous testimony, ard officials had conceded that they d refused to admit the students to erica High School because the uths came from Koinonia and would bably be "a source of trouble."

The American Civil Liberties Union, ich defended Koinonia in the case, dicated that the students would now ek admission to the high school.

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The "real enemy" of Christian pro-ess in awakening Africa is "pseudo-ristianity" rather than Communism Islam, according to Alan Paton, uth African novelist and FELLOW-IP contributor, speaking in New York ty last month. "Pseudo-Christianity," declared, "always prefers stability change, elevates law above justice d serves expedience rather than ve." He also asserted that both Eng-sh-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking ristians must share with the govern-ent in bearing responsibility for the unhappy situation" in South Africa day.

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Polaris Action, a nonviolent direct tion protest against Polaris missile-ring submarines in the New London-roton, Conn., area will continue in-finitely, it was announced last month the Committee for Nonviolent Ac-on. The project's "success in dis-lling apathy about the arms race," as a major factor in the decision, cording to a CNVA spokesman.

Meanwhile, three Polaris Action monstrators boarded two missile-quipped atomic submarines docked in the Thames River on Oct. 20 but were tossed off within minutes by sailors manning water hoses. Nine others, all members of CNVA, also made boarding attempts but failed. No arrests were reported.

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In Denmark last month, over 5000 persons participated in a 3-day march from Holbaek to Copenhagen protesting world preparations for nuclear warfare. Initiated by the Danish Campaign Against Atomic Warfare, the march ended with a mass rally in Copenhagen where groups heard national peace leaders uphold the campaign as "the most important task of our time" and urge widespread debate of the nuclear weapons issue.

People from Norway, Sweden, Finland and West Germany also took part in the demonstration.

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The Pentagon is expanding its plans to develop bacteriological and chemical weapons for use in limited war situations, it was announced in Washington, D.C., last month. Plans call for use of such weapons in "brushfire" hostilities, short of all-out nuclear warfare, in an effort to achieve conquest "without destruction of life and property." Expenditures for the program would rise to more than $200,000,000 a year in seven or eight years, according to a Pentagon spokesman.

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In Great Britain last month, Christians from several denominations formed a committee within the framework of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in order to gain support of their churches for the Campaign. The group's principal argument is that nuclear weapons which kill indiscriminately threaten all mankind and are thus an enemy of life itself.

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Tributes honoring FOR member Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, executive secretary

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emeritus of the American Friends Service Committee, for his 22-year active chairmanship of the Committee, were paid to him by Quakers in Philadelphia last month. The event was also the occasion of the formal opening of the Committee's new headquarters at 160 North 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

LIT NOTES

But You Can't Trust the Russians, a 23-page pamphlet by Glenn Mower Jr., challenges a familiar stereotype characterizing Soviet behavior and examines the bases for "sincere negotiations" between East and West. Price: 50¢ a copy. Order from: Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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Unfinished Revolution, a 64-page pamphlet by Tom Kahn, discusses the role of sit-ins in the nonviolent struggle for racial equality and outlines what political action should be taken to further "the aspirations of Negroes and men of good will." Single copy 50¢ from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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On hand: free mimeographed copies of "Civil Disobedience Is Not Anarchy" by former FOR Co-Secretary John M. Swomley Jr. and present consultant in the case of Rev. Maurice McCrackin. Invaluable for persons interested in the question of the legitimacy of civil disobedience. Order from: Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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Copies of "The New Pacifism" Helmut Gollwitzer are available fro Fellowship. Reprinted from FELLO SHIP, this 8-page article argues th Christians must commit themselves "nuclear pacifism." Price: 10¢ eac Order from: Fellowship Publication Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 18. New York FOR annual meetin Speakers: Michael Scott and James M Lawson Jr. at Metropolitan-Duane Meth odist Church. For information call A.J Muste at MO 2-9870.

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